

Land Settlement in Alaska



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GENERAL INTRODUCTION

Under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior William P. Clark, the Bureau of Land Management is engaged in a program to open certain federal lands in Alaska to settlement and various types of mineral activity such as oil and gas leasing.

The most recent offering opens a third area in the Minchumina block for settlement as homesites, headquarters sites, and trade and manufacturing sites. Other blocks of federal land will be assessed through 1985.

Public Land Order 6098, published on December 17, 1981, opened the lands on December 31, 1983. About 9,600 acres in Township 8 South, Range 20 West, Fairbanks Meridian are available.

Information on filing requirements, costs and procedures is available in separate publications. A U.S. citizen can receive title to only one homesite, one headquarters site and one trade and manufacturing site.

FACTS ABOUT THE MINCHUMINA SETTLEMENT AREA

Location

The Minchumina area is part of a larger block of federal land located in central Alaska. The third area consists of the following lands:

T8S, R20W Fairbanks Meridian
Secs. 13 to 15, inclusive;
Secs. 22 to 28, inclusive;
Secs. 32 to 36, inclusive.

The area described aggregates approximately 9,600 acres.

Access

There are no roads or major water bodies connecting this area or any of the communities mentioned. The nearest airstrip is 33 miles to the southwest at Lake Minchumina. Float plane access is possible to Wien Lake which is about 20 air miles to the northeast. Winter travel by snowmachine is possible from these lakes. The federal government does not guarantee overland access to settlement claims.

Services

This area is not within any organized unit of local government, therefore the traditional governmental services are not available. No school, post office, commercial facilities or utilities exist within the block. Mail service is available at Wien Lake and Lake Minchumina once a week.

Forest fire protection is limited to that provided by seasonal State or Bureau of Land Management crews hired for the summer. A State Trooper is stationed at McGrath. Emergency medical facilities are located in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

Commercial airline service is available once per week from Anchorage/Fairbanks to Lake Minchumina. Air taxi service is available on a charter basis.

Climate

Extreme temperatures range from a high of +89° F to a low of -62° F. Average precipitation is 13 to 20 inches. Average snowfall is 57 inches.

Water

Water quality is unknown.

Vegetation

The scattered timber is not of commercial quantity or quality. Timber species are primarily black spruce with some white spruce, birch and aspen. Shrubs include willow, alder and berries.

Terrain

Much of the area consists of rolling hills underlain with permafrost. The second and third opening consists of rolling hills underlain with permafrost.

Wildlife

Big game animals such as moose, caribou and bear inhabit the area during certain seasons of the year. Hunting and fishing are regulated by the State Department of Fish and Game.

Minerals

Mineral leasing is not permitted within the settlement area.

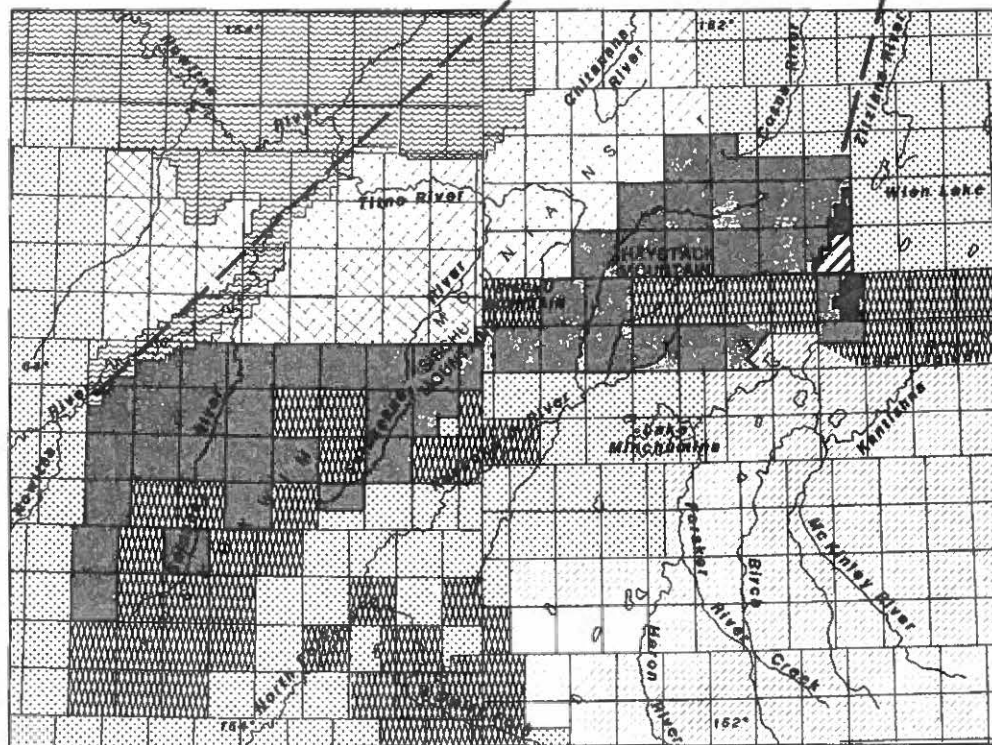
Lifestyle

The life of a bush resident in Alaska is not easy. Timber for house logs is not readily available. Many residents have retirement or seasonal incomes supplemented with subsistence hunting and trapping. Most supplies must be transported in from outside at great expense.

LOCATION OF MINCHUMINA BLOCK



MINCHUMINA BLOCK AND SURROUNDING AREA



 Minchumina Block

 BLM Land

 State Land

 Private Land

 Denali National Park

 Nowitna National Wildlife Refuge

 Settlement Area I & II

 Minchumina III Settlement Area

APPROXIMATE SCALE



TOWNSHIP
36 SQUARE MILES

SECTION
1 SQUARE MILE

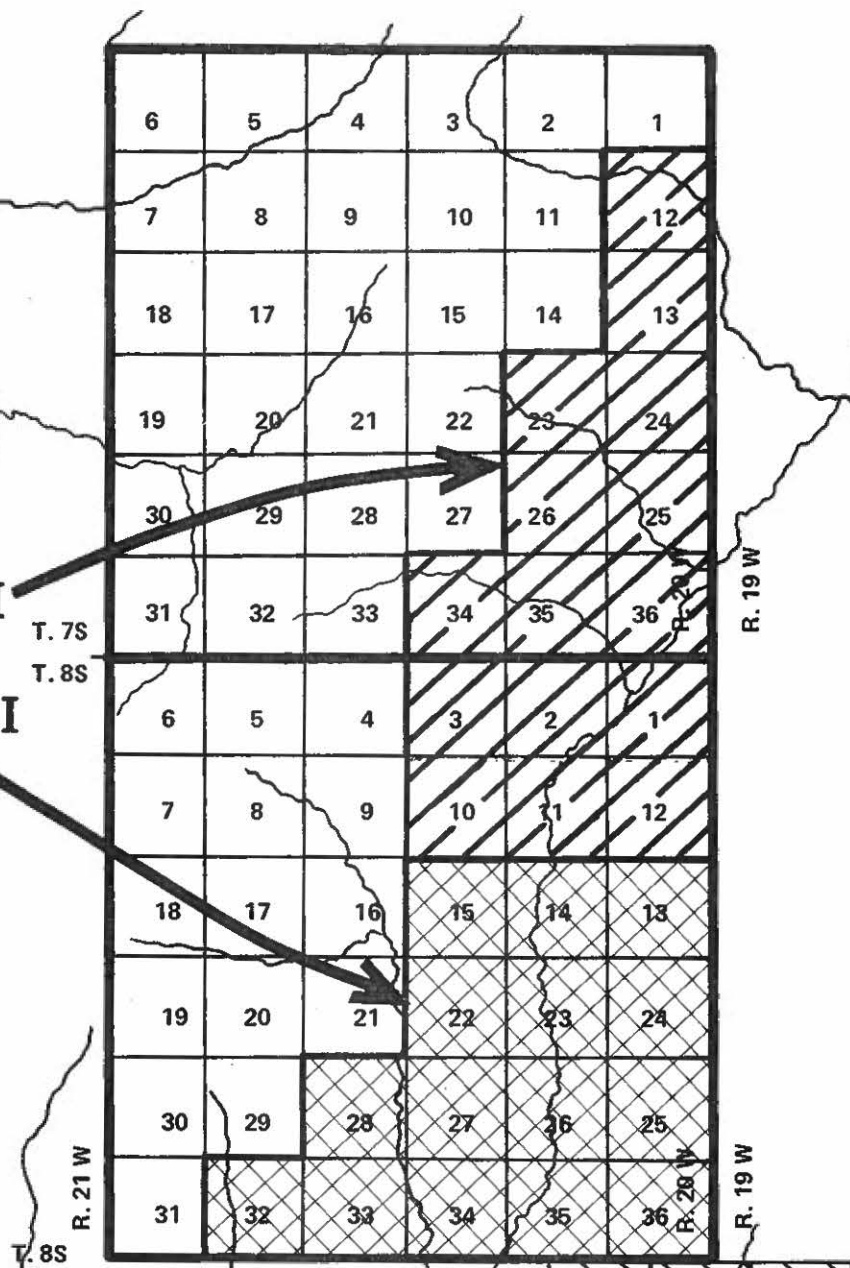
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MINCHUMINA II MINCHUMINA III

SETTLEMENT
AREA WITHIN
MINCHUMINA
BLOCK

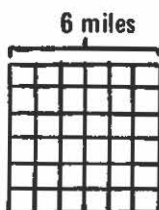
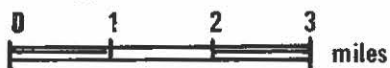
Township 8S
Range 20 W.
FAIRBANKS
MERIDIAN

Refer to 1:250,000
Kantishna River Quadrangle
A3, A4, B3, and B4



MINCHUMINA I →

Township 36 square miles
approximate scale



section
1 square mile

5 acres

SOURCES FOR TECHNICAL DATA AND MAPS

Land Status Records are available for public review Monday thru Friday:

**Bureau of Land Management
Alaska State Office
Public Room
701 C Street, Box 13
Anchorage, Alaska 99513
(907) 271-5960**

**Anchorage District Office
4700 East 72nd Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99507
(907) 267-1200**

**Fairbanks District Office
North Post Fort Wainwright
Box 1150
Fairbanks, Alaska 99707
(907) 356-2025**

A photo map of the settlement area is available for \$15.00 and a blue line map for \$3.00:

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NASA high altitude photography of a large portion of the Minchumina block is available at cost:

**The Aerial Photography Office
Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service
P.O. Box 30010
Salt Lake City, Utah 84125
(801) 524-5856**

Satellite imagery for portions of the block is available from:

**EROS Data Center Field Office
U.S. Geological Survey
218 E Street
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907) 271-4065**

Topographic maps of the entire state:

**(local) U.S. Geological Survey
508 W. 2nd Avenue
Anchorage, Alaska 99501
(907) 277-0577**

**(in State) U.S. Geological Survey
101 12th Avenue
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
(907) 456-7535**

**(Out-of-State) U.S. Geological Survey
Branch of Distribution
Central Region
Box 25286
Federal Center
Denver, CO 80225**

Economic and cost of living information:

**State of Alaska
Department of Labor
Research and Analysis Section
P.O. Box 1149
Juneau, Alaska 99802
(907) 465-4500**

Current events and cost of living information:

**Anchorage Daily News
Pouch 6616
Anchorage, Alaska 99502
(907) 274-2561**

**Fairbanks Daily News-Miner
200 Cushman
Fairbanks, Alaska 99701
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